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MILLERSYLVANIA STATE PARK, WASH.

FEBRUARY 17 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 18), 1925.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. DILL, from the Committee on Public Lands and Surveys, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11210]

The Committee on Public Lands and Surveys, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11210) to grant certain public lands to the State of Washington for park, and other purposes, having considered the same, reports thereon favorably without amendment and recommends it do pass.

The recommendations of the Department of the Interior are indicated in House Report No. 1284.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 18, 1924.

HON. ALBERT JOHNSON,
House of Representatives.

MY DEAR MR. JOHNSON: I have your letter of December 9 concerning the procedure whereby the State of Washington may secure lot 5 of sec. 2, T. 16 N., R. 2 W., Willamette meridian, containing 0.05 of an acre, for use as an addition to the Millersylvania Memorial State Park, with accompanying letter and blue print.

Last July, Mr. H. W. Rutherford, superintendent of State parks, requested, in behalf of the parks committee of the State of Washington, the withdrawal of that part of said section lying north and west of Deep Lake, which had not then been defined by lot designation, in aid of legislation to reserve the land for park purposes. He advised that the adjoining land had been acquired by the State for such purpose and that the committee desired to prevent anyone from securing the tract with the object of selling to the State at an excessive price. The records of the General Land Office of this department show the tract to be unappropriated, included in a withdrawal for coal classification made July 7, 1910, and within the primary limits of the Northern Pacific Railway Co.

In view of the representations made by Mr. Rutherford, the President, upon my recommendation, withdrew the tract on July 24, under authority of the general withdrawal act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 847), as amended, in aid of proposed legislation to authorize its use for park purposes, and I inclose herein a copy of such order. There is no law which authorizes the granting of public

land to the State of Washington for the purpose contemplated, and legislation will therefore be necessary. Legislation for a similar purpose is embodied in the recent act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 643, S. 3093), granting certain public lands to the city of Phoenix, Ariz., for park purposes.

The inclosures transmitted with your letter are herein returned.

Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington.

Hon. E. J. SINNOTT,

*Chairman Committee on the Public Lands,
House of Representatives.*

MY DEAR MR. SINNOTT: I am in receipt of your reference of January 5, 1925, with request for report of H. R. 11210, "A bill to grant certain public lands to the State of Washington for park and other purposes."

The bill proposes to grant to the State of Washington lot 5, sec. 2, T. 16 N., R. 3 W., W. M., containing 0.05 of an acre upon payment for the land at the rate of \$1.25 per acre within six months after the approval of the act. The grant is made subject to any valid existing claim or easements and reserves to the United States all oil, coal, or other mineral deposits, and contains the usual reversionary provisos.

The records of the General Land Office show the tract to be unappropriated, included in a withdrawal for coal classification made July 7, 1910, and within the primary limits of the Northern Pacific Railway Co.

The purposes of the bill are worthy and this department has no objection to offer to its enactment.

Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK.

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